

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 USC 112 for having insufficient antecedent basis. Claim 1 has been amended to correct this deficiency. Accordingly, this ground of rejection should be withdrawn.

Applicant provides a foldable insulator construction which is supported on a rod structure. The rod structure has detachable sections which, when detached from the rod structure permits folding of the construction for easy storage. The claim has been amended to include the detachable rod feature.

Claims 1-3 and 5-7 have been rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) over Pfeiffer in view of Zhang. Pfeiffer discloses a collapsible box having sides and ends that are pivotally connected to a wire frame. The wire frame does not have detachable sections.

Zheng discloses a collapsible structure having a frame which is sufficiently flexible so that it can be coiled (col. 3, lines 44-58). Zheng's frame does not have detachable sections. Accordingly, Zheng does not supply the deficiencies of Pfeiffer and this ground of rejection should be withdrawn.

In view of the above, it is submitted that applicant's claims define patentable subject matter and an early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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